

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6, 10-18, 22-28, 31 and 32 remain pending in this application.

Claims 1-6, 10-18, 22-28, 31 and 32 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kanapathippillai (Publication No. US 2003/0056134 A1). Applicants respectfully traverse.

Applicants would like to respectfully point out to the Examiner that the Examiner's rejection over Kanapathippillai (US 2003/0056134) is improper. The rejection would be improper whether its under section 102 or 103 and its various subsections.

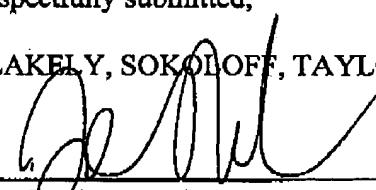
The prior art cited by the Examiner was not known or described in a printed publication prior to Applicant's invention. Applicant's invention was filed (Feb 15, 2002) before the prior art was filed (March 29, 2002). In addition, the prior art refers to Applicant's application as being a CIP of applicant's application. Thus, the prior art is a child application to Applicant's parent application. For these reasons, the prior art cannot be used against Applicant's application.

In summary, for the reasons noted above, Claims 1-6, 10-18, 22-28, 31 and 32 are in condition for allowance. Favorable action is respectfully solicited. Allowance of the Claims is respectfully requested.

Please charge any additional charges to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

BLAKELY, SOKOLOFF, TAYLOR & ZAFMAN LLP

  
John Patrick Ward  
Reg. No. 40,216

Date: January 20, 2005

12400 Wilshire Boulevard  
Seventh Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90025-1030  
(408) 720-8300